

Stage 5: Drought Catastrophe Restrictions and Requirements

Washing Cars

i. Location of Washing Cars Limited to Reduce Runoff. It shall be unlawful for any person to wash a vehicle at any location other than a commercial car wash, car dealership, detail shop, automotive shop, or commercial property that is owned by the owner of a Fleet of vehicles.

a. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution pursuant to this subsection i. that a person was washing a vehicle for health and safety reasons, only to an extent sufficient to remove the hazard, is permitted any time.

b. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution pursuant to this subsection i. that a car dealer or car rental company was preparing a vehicle for pickup and washed that vehicle on the day of pick up by the customer.

ii. Allowable Times for Washing Vehicles Limited to Reduce Evaporation. It shall be unlawful for any person to use potable water to wash a vehicle:

a. at any time on Sunday or Monday, or

b. on any day, during the nighttime hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The owner or operator of a self-serve car wash or detail shop shall ensure that potable water cannot be used to wash a vehicle between the nighttime hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

iii. Nozzles. It shall be unlawful for any car wash or detail shop to use a nozzle that discharges more than 3.0 gallons per minute.

iv. Bays. It shall be unlawful for a car wash to wash any of its bays with water, except on Fridays.

c. Washing vehicles Prohibited when Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo are below 20%: It shall be unlawful for any person to use potable water to wash a vehicle at any time when the levels of Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo are at a combined capacity of less than 20%.